

ACTION: Notice Regarding Charges for Certain Disclosures.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission announces that the ceiling on allowable charges under Section 612(f) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA") will increase from \$10.00 to \$10.50 effective January 1, 2008. Under 1996 amendments to the FCRA, the Federal Trade Commission is required to increase the \$8.00 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of Section 612(f) on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"), with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents. The CPI increased 29.34 percent between September 1997, the date the FCRA amendments took effect, and September 2007. This increase in the CPI and the requirement that any increase be rounded to the nearest fifty cents results in an increase in the maximum allowable charge to \$10.50 effective January 1, 2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 612(f)(1)(A) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which became effective in 1997, provides that a consumer reporting agency may charge a consumer a reasonable amount for making a disclosure to the consumer pursuant to Section 609 of the Act.¹ The law states that, where a consumer reporting agency is permitted to impose a reasonable charge on a consumer for making a disclosure to the consumer pursuant to Section 609, the charge shall not exceed \$8 and shall be indicated to the consumer before making the disclosure. Section 612(f)(2) states that the Federal Trade Commission ("the Commission") shall increase the \$8.00 maximum amount on January 1 of each year, based proportionally on changes in the Consumer Price Index, with fractional changes rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

Section 211(a)(2) of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 ("FACT Act") added a new Section 612(a) to the FCRA that gives consumers the right to request free

annual disclosures once every 12 months. The maximum allowable charge established by this Notice does not apply to requests made under that provision. The charge does apply when a consumer who orders a file disclosure has already received a free annual disclosure and does not otherwise qualify for an additional free disclosure.

The Commission considers the \$8 amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) of Section 612(f) to be the baseline for the effective ceiling on reasonable charges dating from the effective date of the amended FCRA, i.e., September 30, 1997. Each year the Commission calculates the proportional increase in the Consumer Price Index (using the most general CPI, which is for all urban consumers, all items) from September 1997 to September of the current year. The Commission then determines what modification, if any, from the original base of \$8 should be made effective on January 1 of the subsequent year, given the requirement that fractional changes be rounded to the nearest fifty cents.

Between September 1997 and September 2007, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers and all items increased by 29.34 percent—from an index value of 161.2 in September 1997 to a value of 208.490 in September 2007. An increase of 29.34 percent in the \$8.00 base figure would lead to a new figure of \$10.35. However, because the statute directs that the resulting figure be rounded to the nearest \$0.50, the maximum allowable charge should be \$10.50.

The Commission therefore determines that the maximum allowable charge for the year 2008 will be \$10.50.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark

Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Grants for Public Health Research Dissertation, Program Announcement (PA) PAR07-231, Panel D

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the aforementioned meeting.

Time and Date: 1 p.m.–3 p.m., January 29, 2008 (Closed).

Place: Teleconference.

Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of "CDC Grants for Public Health Research Dissertation," PAR07-231, Panel D.

Contact Person for More Information: Maurine Goodman, M.A., M.P.H., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of the Chief Science Officer, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road NE., Mailstop D 72, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone 404-639-4737.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: December 12, 2007.

Elaine L. Baker,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Field Trails To Evaluate Efficacy of Natural Products for the Control of the Tick Vectors of Lyme Disease Spirochetes, Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) CK08-001; Evaluation of Reservoir-Targeted Vaccine Formulations To Prevent Enzootic Transmission of *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Lyme Borreliosis), FOA CK08-002

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the aforementioned meeting:

Time and Date: 8 a.m.–5 p.m., February 8, 2008 (Closed).

Place: Sheraton Gateway Atlanta Airport Hotel, 1900 Sullivan Road,

¹ This provision, originally Section 612(a), was added to the FCRA in September 1996 and became effective in September 1997. It was relabelled Section 612(f) by Section 211(a)(1) of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 ("FACT Act"), Public Law 108-159, which was signed into law on December 4, 2003.